ITERARY SHORT GOVERNMENT IST

e finalists for Australia's richest literary izes, the Victorian Premier's Literary vards, have been announced. More than 190 les were entered and the total prize money s been increased to \$52,500.

he Vance Palmer Prize for a ork of Fiction

thich carries a cash prize of \$15,000)

ywhacker by Peter Carey (University of eensland Press)

lian's Story by Kate Grenville (Allen & nwin)

cean of Story by Christina Stead (Penguin oks)

orderline by Janet Turner Hospital (Hodder Stoughton)

eat Eye, The Sky by Tim Winton (McPhee ibble)

he Nettie Palmer Prize for a ork of Non-Fiction

ash prize of \$15,000)

ays of Wrath: A life of John Dunmore Lang D.W.A. Baker (Melbourne University Press) vil Angels by John Bryson (Penguin Books) apping the Paddocks by Chester Eagle (Mcnee Gribble/Penguin)

he Premier's Award for oetry

ash prize of \$7,500)

reedom to Breathe by Peter Kocan (Angus &

ems from a Peach Melba Hat by Shelton Lea balone Press)

ashing the Money by Rhyll McMaster (Angus

Clair by John A. Scott (University of ieensland Press)

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ash prize of \$7,500)

o Young for Ghosts by Janis Balodis (Curncy Press)

oney Spot by Jack Davis (unpublished)

e Hour Before My Mrother Dies by Daniel ene (unpublished)

gends by John Romeril, Jennifer Hill and ris Anastassiades (Yackandandah ayscripts)

e Chairman of the Premier's Literary vards Committee, Bruce Grant, said this year pecial award of \$7,500 would be made in the istralian studies category for a work which ade a major and innovative contribution to e understanding of Australian society or lture. The judges in each category would minate authors for this award and the winr would be decided by the Premier's Litery Awards Committee.

The Premier, John Cain, will announce the nners at the presentation dinner on 2 Octor in the ANZ Pavilion of the Arts Centre. est speaker at the presentation dinner will the distinguished poet, novelist and short ory writer David Malouf, winner of the 1985

nce Palmer Prize for Fiction.

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Methuen's Amazing Australians. AACOBS Rev. Inter-Library Loan Code. Community Aid Abroad Catalogue.

PUBLICATIONS

The Australian Government Publishing Service — AACOBS Liaison Committee met in May for the first time in nearly two years. During this time AGPS has adopted a corporate plan aimed at improving internal efficiency and is now hoping to be able to introduce a number

- production of cataloguing copy to a higher standard
- · publication of a forward list of those titles AGPS will be marketing
- · major changes to AGPS financing. At present this is from an appropriation, plus a publications trust account, plus a government printing trust account. It is planned that from 1 July 1986 there be a single trust account with the appropriation one line within that. This will give AGPS much greater flexibility and enhance its ability to make cost recoveries to the government. The result should be a much more market-orientated publisher.

The secretary of the Committee carried out a survey of libraries to seek comments on the AGPS Annual Catalogue. Many responses were critical of its bulk (and hence price), and saw a need for improved indexing. With the likely changes to AGPS financing, which till now has contained the format of its catalogues, and a new Director, Publishing, suggestions for improvements to all the AGPS catalogues would be welcome.

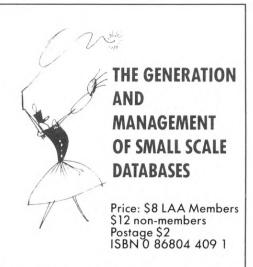
A second survey of libraries canvassed titles thought suitable for microform publication. Many libraries stressed they wished to continue to receive hardcopy, seeing microform suitable mainly for backsets or second sets. Titles suggested more than ten times for possible microform publication were

- · reports and associated material from Royal Commisions and Parliamentary Committees
- Parliamentary papers (including the H.R. Misc. series, currently not readily available)
- Commonwealth of Australia Gazette.

Copies of the brief reports on these two surveys are available from me or from the Secretary of the Committee (Michael Harrington, AGPS GPO Box 84, Canberra ACT 2601).

Finally, the AGPS Style Manual is being completely rewritten. Preparation has been delayed, and publication is now hoped in early

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